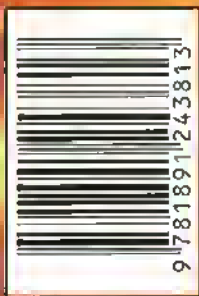


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In the final war between Heaven and Hell, the demonic legions have been defeated, and Heaven stands on the brink of claiming Earth as their own. One last battle remains, however, as Lady Death, having herself sworn to oppose both sides, must now face the fury of the Angelic Host - with the fate of the Earth in the balance...

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- '95 ○ LADY DEATH:
Between Heaven & Hell #1-4
- '95, '96 ○ CHAOS! QUARTERLY #1-3
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- '96 ○ EVIL ERNIE:
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- '96 ○ LADY DEATH:
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- '96 ○ LADY DEATH:
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- '98 ○ LADY DEATH: Retribution
- '98, '99 ○ LADY DEATH:
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20,000 FEET
OVER LAS VEGAS.

THE
HORDES OF
HELL ARE IN FULL
RETREAT!

ONLY ONE
LAST OPPONENT
STANDS BETWEEN
US AND FINAL
VICTORY!

LET HER
STRONGHOLD BE
RAZED. HER FORCES
DECIMATED. AND
HER POWER
BROKEN!

OBITUARY

THE NEVADA DESERT
SEVERAL MILES AWAY...

EVEN NOW,
THE ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL LEADS
THE HOSTS OF
HEAVEN AGAINST
US--

--LITTLE
IMAGINING THAT
WE ARE NOT WHERE
HE EXPECTS US
TO BE.

MILADY,
IT IS MY SORROW
TO REPORT OBLIVION
HAS BEEN UTTERLY
DESTROYED BY
MICHAEL'S
FORCES.

ALAS, I
DO NOT KNOW
THEIR FATES...
BUT I FEAR THE
WORST.

AZRAEL!
WHAT OF VANDALA,
BROCK AND GRIMMIR?
HAVING ABSTAINED
FROM JOINING OUR
CAMPAIGN, THEY
REMAINED
BEHIND.

MICHAEL
WILL PAY FOR
THIS! ONCE HEAVEN
HAS FALLEN, HE WILL
SUFFER TORMENTS
EVEN LUCIFER NEVER
IMAGINED!

TO ARMS,
MY WARRIORS!

DDDDDD
DDDD

WITH
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OF GABRIEL'S
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NO
NO, NO! I
SAINT PETER
COMMAND
YOU TO
DEPART!

SANCTIMONIOUS
GREYBEARD! BURN!

AAAAIIIEE!

WE HAVE
FOUND NO
REMAINS AS
YET, MICHAEL. THE
FORTRESS APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN
ABANDONED.

--WE MARCH
ON HEAVEN
ITSELF!

WE
HAVE BEEN
DECEIVED!

AND
WITH OUR
MAIN FORCE ON
EARTH, THE SILVER
CITY HAS BEEN LEFT
VULNERABLE TO
SIEGE!

WE MUST
RETURN TO
THE KINGDOM
BEFORE THE ENEMY
IS ABLE TO
ENTRENCH!

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GATES OF HEAVEN...

LADY DEATH!
THIS
BLASPHEMOUS
ATROCITY
OF YOURS
ENDS NOW!



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BLASPHEMOUS
ATROCITY
OF YOURS
ENDS NOW!

ON THE
CONTRARY,
I HAVE BARELY
BEGUN--
--BUT
YOU WILL
NOT LIVE TO
SEE ME
FINISH!

FINALLY! I
HAVE WAITED
AEONS FOR
THIS BATTLE
ASTEROOTH!


then
enjoy it
while you can,
uriel--
--for
it will
be your
last!

WHAT
MANNER OF
CREATURES--

THE
DOOM ANGELS...
KNOWN TO SOME
AS "THE MOST
HOLY".

THEY ARE
SAID TO BE
FORMIDABLE.





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BY THE
PRESENCE...
AS AN ANGEL,
THIS ASSAULT
SICKENS
ME--

--BUT WITH
MY ALLEGIANCE
SWORN TO LADY
DEATH, I CAN
DO NOTHING
TO PREVENT
IT!

KZZRAAK

HAA!

SHANK

SKREEK!



FOR MY
HONOR! FOR
MILADY!

NOW
TWO OF
YOUR NUMBER
LIE DEAD,
WAR!



THEN THEY
WILL BE
AVENGED!

HAUUGK~

YOU
CANNOT
PREVAIL. YOU ARE
ALONE -- WHILE
TWO OF US
SURVIVE!

angelic
scum!



HELLSPAWNED
ABOMINATION!



A PITY TO MISS SUCH VIVID CARNAGE

WE MUST ACT WHILE BOTH SIDES ARE DISTRACTED.

OUR DISGUISES AS MEMBERS OF LADY DEATH'S LEGION WILL LAST INDEFINITELY.

~SNEHEHEK~



FNFFF
FNFFF

HHRRR...



I SAVED YOUR LIFE, AND THIS IS HOW YOU REPAY ME?!

YOU AIDED ME DURING THE PERIOD I WAS TRANSFORMED INTO MY FORMER PERSONA OF HOPE FOR REASONS OF YOUR OWN, ARCHANGEL.

YOUR LOVE FOR HER WAS NEARLY YOUR UNDOING.



BUT HOPE FELL BEFORE MY WILL--

--AND YOU WILL SOON DO THE SAME!



~GHAAAGK~

farewell, uriel.
you were a worthy opponent.

HAHAHAHAHAHA

IT IS
TRUE, HOPE
FILLED ME WITH
A PASSION I'VE
NEVER FELT
BEFORE.

OUT OF
MEMORY FOR
HER, I REGRET
WHAT I MUST
NOW DO.

~HHUUUUU6~

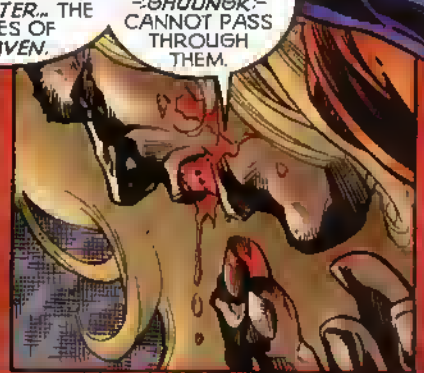
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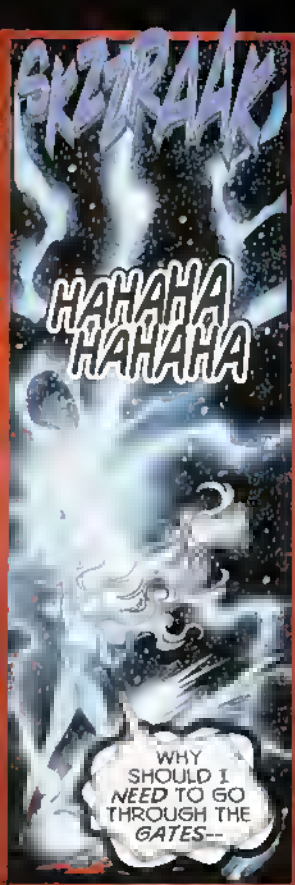
I DO
NOT!

~HAAK~ MY
DEATH... MATTERS
NOT. YOUR ATTACK
~KHAFT~ IS FUTILE...
YOU ~HUK~ WILL
NEVER ENTER...
THE KINGDOM.

ONLY THE
WORTHY ~KHAAK~
~KHAAK~ ~KHAAK~
MAY ENTER... THE
GATES OF
HEAVEN.

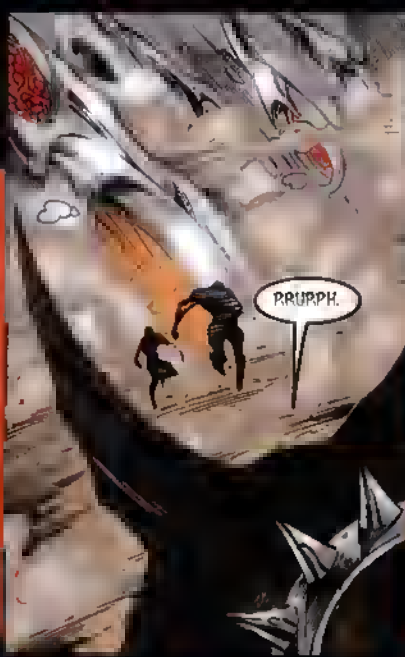
~SHUUGT~
YOU... AND
YOUR TROOPS...
~GHUUNGK~
CANNOT PASS
THROUGH
THEM.







FNEFF
FNEFF
FNEFFF



PRUPPH.



OOOOH.
BAD
DOGGIE.



ROLL
OVER,
FIDO--

HRRROWG



--AND
PLAY
DEAD!

{HARRDOOGHK}

{WHINE}

*

KSKKILNCH



IT APPEARS
THE CHAMBER IS
UNATTENDED.

WELL, WE
CAN'T HAVE
THAT, CAN
WE?

SHRAKAAM

THE CHAMBER OF THE JEHOVEK MACHINA. SOURCE OF HEAVEN'S POWER.

ONCE I HAVE SEIZED CONTROL OF IT, HEAVEN CANNOT STAND!

ah.

the REAPER'S little AVATAR.

that IS ONE OF MY NINE BILLION NAMES, yes.

GOD!

you HAVE DARED violate my realm, attacked my domain, MADE WAR ON my SUBJECTS --

-tell me, why I should NOT OBLITERATE you for your presumption?!


I DO AS I WILL! I NEED NO ONE'S PERMISSION, NOT EVEN YOURS!

haha such spirit. AND a comely wench as well.

perhaps you would like to BEAR the next messiah?

→FAUUUGH→
DON'T TOUCH ME, IMPOSTER!

SHAK



INSTEAD,
LET A TASTE
OF HELLFIRE BURN
AWAY YOUR
RIDICULOUS
FACADE--

MOST
PERCEPTIVE,
MY DEAR.

--LUCIFER!

FWOOOSH

THE
ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL WOULD
NOT HAVE SEEN
THROUGH MY
CHARADE.

THE
ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL ISN'T
FEMALE--

--AND
I KNOW
YOUR WAYS
WITH WOMEN
ALL TOO
WELL.

AS YOUR
OPPOSITE, THE
TRUE GOD WOULD
NOT BEHAVE
AS YOU DO.

YOU KNOW
FAR LESS OF
THE "TRUE GOD"
THAN YOU
THINK.

THE
CREATOR HAS
NOT BEEN SEEN
FOR MILLENNIA. I
BELIEVE THE HUMAN
TERM IS "ABSENTEE
LANDLORD".


IN HIS
ABSENCE, THE
HIERARCHIES OF
HEAVEN AND HELL
STRUCK A DEAL TO
MANIPULATE HUMAN
RELIGION IN ORDER
TO COLLECT HUMAN
SOULS--

..DIVIDING THEM
ACCORDING TO
PREDILECTION.

I INTEND TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF YOUR ASSAULT
TO CLAIM THE DIVINE
THRONE FOR MYSELF,
AS JEHOVAH
RETURNED.

FOR
ALL INTENTS
AND PURPOSES,
I WILL BE
GOD.

OF
COURSE,
NOW THAT
YOU KNOW
THIS, YOU'LL
HAVE TO
DIE--



I'VE
HEARD THAT
MANY TIMES
IN THE
PAST--

--AND
YET, HERE
I STAND!

DON'T BE
SO QUICK
TO JUMP TO
CONCLUSIONS.
SEANCE. THERE MAY
BE A MUTUALLY
AGREEABLE
ALTERNATIVE.

I
CONTROL
THE JEHOVEH
MACHINA NOW.
YOU AND YOUR
FORCES CANNOT
HOPE TO STAND
AGAINST ITS
MIGHT.

WOULDN'T
YOU RATHER
SHARE DOMINION
OVER THE EARTH AS
MY QUEEN, THAN BE
ANNIHILATED?

NATURALLY, IT'D
MEAN BETRAYING
YOUR ALLIES... BUT
SURELY THAT'D BE
A SMALL PRICE
TO PAY.

HIYA
TOOTS!

PAGAN?

HOW
D'YA LIKE MY
NEW OUTFIT?
IT'S NAMELESS
WOLFSKIN - I HEAR
IT'S ALL THE RAGE
IN PARIS THESE
DAYS.

CONSIDER
QUICKLY, LADY.
OR SHARE
THE FATE OF
YOUR CANINE
COMPANION...

OF ALL
CREATURES,
LUCIFER, YOU
SHOULD KNOW
I VALUE MY OWN
SURVIVAL ABOVE
ALL ELSE. YOU
TAUGHT ME
THAT.

WHAT
IS THE LIFE
OF A DOG
COMPARED
TO THAT?

I ACCEPT
YOUR OFFER.



HABA
HABA.

I KNEW
YOU'D COME
TO ME IN
THE END!

>HGLUK<

EGOTISTICAL
FOOL!

--REVENGE!

AFTER
THE UNSPEAKABLE
HUMILIATIONS I
SUFFERED AT YOUR
HANDS, DID YOU TRULY
THINK I'D CARE TO SPEND
ETERNITY IN YOUR
PRESENCE?

STRONG
AS MY WILL TO
SURVIVE IS, THERE
IS ONE THING
I VALUE
MORE--

AAAAUUUGGGHH

SHRUK

WHIK

KRULCH

GHAARH

WHAT
INSUFFERABLE
IRONY... I, THE
PRINCE OF LIES...
UNDONE...

BY A
DECEPTION...



SKRIP-T

HA
HAHA
HAHA!



DISEASED...
MAGGOT-
RIPPEN...
PALE...
BITCH...



FAREWELL,
LUCIFER.
TAKE THIS IN
RETURN FOR
ALL THE KISSES
YOU'VE FORCED
ON ME IN THE
PAST.

MMNNGPH



NOW
DIE!

POOTCH

GIVE MY
REGARDS
TO THE
VOID.

FWOOMP



PAGAN!

YOU ARE
NEXT!

~FAUUGH~
THE IMP AND
SEANCE HAVE
FLED.

NO
MATTER, I WILL
FIND THEM, NO
MATTER HOW
LONG IT
TAKES --

-- AND
AVENGE THE
MURDER OF
MY POOR
NAMELESS
WOLF.

BUT FOR THE
MOMENT --



--MILLENNIA
OF DECEPTION
AND HYPOCRISY
STILL STAND.

NO
MORE. HEAVEN
MUST FALL.
JUST AS HELL
DID BEFORE
IT.

HUMANITY'S
FATE SHALL
BE ITS OWN!



SKRAANK

A large comic book panel depicting a massive explosion or fire. The scene is filled with bright orange and yellow flames and smoke, radiating from a central point of impact. Debris is visible on either side of the blast. At the top, the sound effect "RRRUUUUWWWWW" is written in a jagged, stylized font. At the bottom, the word "BOOM" is written in a large, bubbly, outlined font. The entire panel is framed by a thick red border.



AAIIIEE!

AAAAA!

O WOE!
O WOE! THE
SILVER CITY
IS NO
MORE!

IT IS
HER!

-NNGGHH-

SHE
HAS COME
AT LAST!



DEATH!

WHAT IS THIS
MAD-
NESS?!

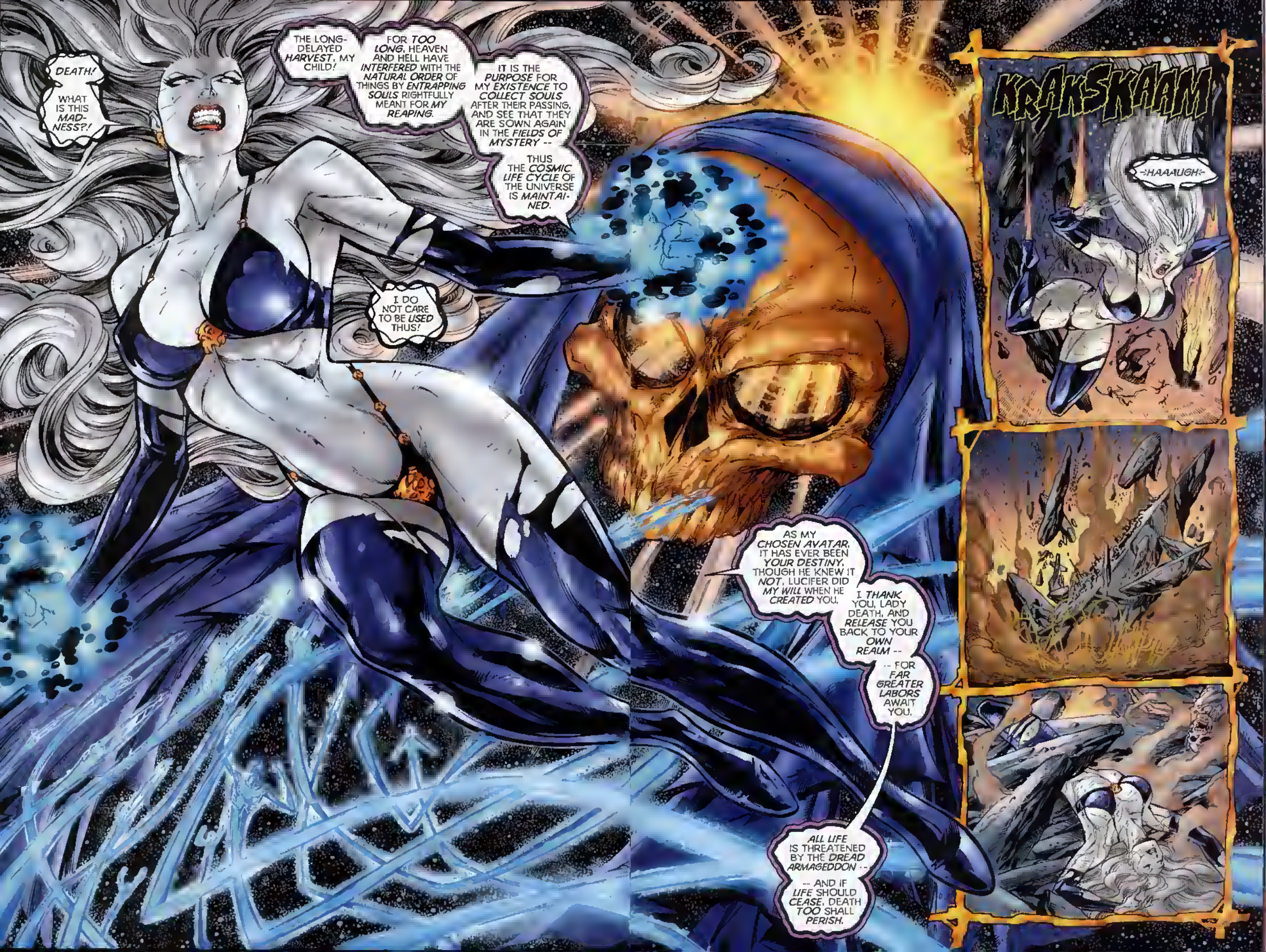
THE LONG-
DELAYED
HARVEST, MY
CHILD!

FOR TOO
LONG, HEAVEN
AND HELL HAVE
INTERFERED WITH THE
NATURAL ORDER OF
THINGS BY ENTRAPPING
SOULS RIGHTFULLY
MEANT FOR MY
REAPING.

IT IS THE
PURPOSE FOR
MY EXISTENCE TO
COLLECT SOULS
AFTER THEIR PASSING,
AND SEE THAT THEY
ARE SOWN AGAIN
IN THE FIELDS OF
MYSTERY --

THUS
THE COSMIC
LIFE CYCLE OF
THE UNIVERSE
IS MAINTAI-
NED.

I DO
NOT CARE
TO BE USED
THUS!



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AS MY
CHOSEN AVATAR,
IT HAS EVER BEEN
YOUR DESTINY,
THOUGH HE KNEW IT
NOT, LUCIFER DID
MY WILL WHEN HE
CREATED YOU.

I THANK
YOU, LADY
DEATH, AND
RELEASE YOU
BACK TO YOUR
OWN
REALM --

-- FOR
FAR
GREATER
LABORS
AWAIT
YOU.

ALL LIFE
IS THREATENED
BY THE DREAD
ARMAGEDDON --

-- AND IF
LIFE SHOULD
CEASE, DEATH
TOO SHALL
PERISH.

KRAKSKAAM

-HAAUGH-





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=HAAUGH=





-UH-



-HNUUHHH-

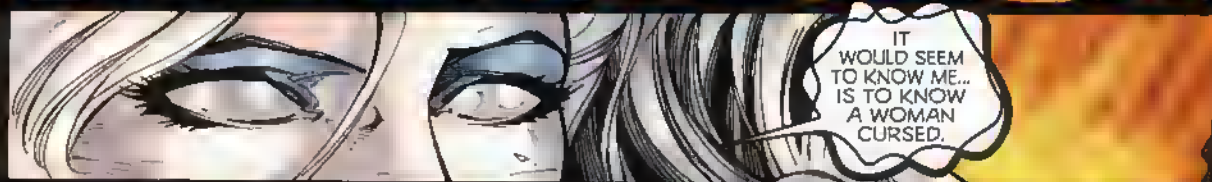
SO.
THE
BATTLE IS
WON.

HEAVEN
AND HELL
LIE IN RUINS,
AS I VOWED.
DOMINION OVER
THE EARTH IS
MINE.

I HAVE
TRIUMPHED.

I HAVE
LEARNED THAT IN
SOME STRANGE WAY,
I HAVE EVER BEEN
THE CHAMPION OF
LIFE RATHER THAN
DEATH --

-- AND IN
VICTORY,
CAUSED THE
DEATHS OF ALL
THOSE I
VALUED.



IT
WOULD SEEM
TO KNOW ME...
IS TO KNOW
A WOMAN
CURSED.

HA.
HAHA.
HA
HAHA
HAHA!

NEXT: ARMAGEDDON #4